

NGAC GDA Subcommittee Update

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GDA Subcommittee Membership

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NGAC GDA Subcommittee

Subcommittee Overview

- The GDA subcommittee provides advice and recommendations related to reporting from Covered Agencies and Lead Covered Agencies as required in the Geospatial Data Act (GDA) of 2018. Each year, the subcommittee reviews information reported by Covered Agencies and Lead Covered Agencies, collects, and organizes the NGAC's comments on this information, and produces a paper summarizing these comments.

Objectives:

- **Work with FGDC OS staff & NGAC leadership to plan and coordinate NGAC's submission of comments as part of the GDA reporting process**
- Identify areas of focus for NGAC review and assess the utility of the reports
- Collect/synthesize NGAC's comments on the GDA reports
- Document and communicate lessons learned and recommendations for improving the process for future reports

New Role:

- **Follow up on the recommendations in the April 2023 NGAC GDA Implementation paper**

FGDC GDA Reports – NGAC Comments

Focus areas for NGAC comments on FGDC GDA Report Summaries:

1. Positive elements

- What was successful in the initial GDA report summary?

2. Areas needing improvement

- What areas need improvement?

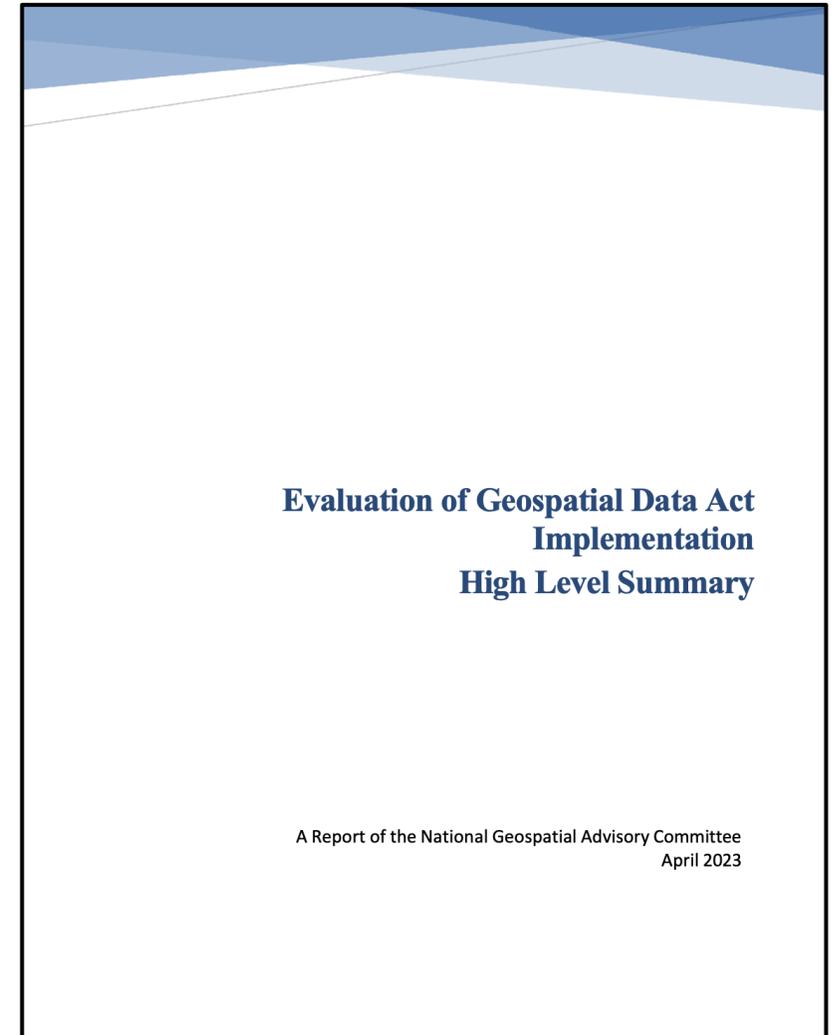
3. Recommendations for future reports

- What can FGDC do to improve future versions of the GDA annual report summaries?

4. Other Comments

April 2023 NGAC GDA Implementation Report

- Developed to assess overall status of GDA implementation since 2018
- Includes:
 - Aspirational Outcomes
 - Set of 8 recommendations under 3 categories:
 - Need for Improved NSDI Governance
 - Need for Improved Data Management
 - Need for Reporting Improvements



URL: <https://www.fgdc.gov/ngac/meetings/april-2023/ngac-paper-evaluation-of-gda-implementation-april.pdf>

Current FGDC GDA Activities

- 2023 GDA Report to Congress – in final review
 - Includes NGAC GDA subcommittee comments & NGAC GDA Implementation subcommittee report
- Developing updated templates for FY 2023 GDA Reports
- Coordinating with CIGIE (IG Council) on approach for 2024 GDA audits
- Coordinating with COGO on 2024 COGO NSDI Assessment

Next Steps:

- Refine subcommittee tasks
 - Coordinate with NSDI core team on tasks
- Update scoping paper
 - Objectives, milestones, deliverables, etc.
- Next Subcommittee meeting (Oct?)
 - Review FGDC responses to NGAC comments